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Washington State Patrol SWAT Accomplishments for 2003

During 2003, the Washington State Patrol (WSP) Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team assisted 63 different law enforcement agencies across the state of Washington. The calls range from methamphetamine investigations (lab processing or investigation), weapons of mass destruction (WMD) events, barricaded persons, hostage situations, high-risk warrants service, and high-risk arrest situations.

The SWAT Team conducted 60 high-risk tactical entries, which is a 7% increase over 2002. The entries were a combination of methamphetamine laboratories, warrant service, high-risk arrest situations, and hostage/barricaded suspects. The SWAT Team also processed or investigated 162 methamphetamine laboratories and conducted 43 pro-active narcotic investigations.

The WSP SWAT Team is continuing to make a difference for the citizens of Washington State.

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